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1. COMMISSION OFFICIALS EXPRESS CONCERN OVER THE ASIAN
DEVELOPMENT BANK'S HANDLING OF THE \$1.9 MILLION EC TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE GRANT TO THE BANK LAST YEAR. THE EC HAS AN UNDER-
STANDING WITH THE BANK'S STAFF THAT FIRST PREFERENCE FOR
TENDERS FINANCED BY THE GRANT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ADB
DEVELOPING COUNTRY MEMBERS AND EC COUNTRIES. DESPITE THIS
UNDERSTANDING, COMMISSION OFFICIALS SAY THAT A CONTRACT WAS
AWARDED TO A JAPANESE CONSULTING FIRM FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY
FOR A PROPOSED PROJECT IN BANGLADESH, EVEN THOUGH THERE
WERE REPORTEDLY EQUALLY COMPETITIVE BIDS BY FRENCH AND UK
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FIRMS. THIS EXPERIENCE TENDS TO CONFIRM COMMISSION
SUSPICIONS THAT THE ADB IS TOO CLOSELY TIED TO JAPANESE
INTERESTS AND EUROPEAN FIRMS DO NOT RECEIVE EQUITABLE
CONSIDERATION.

2. COMMISSION STAFF OFFICIALS ARE RECOMMENDING THAT
THE EC RELY PRIMARILY ON BILATERAL AID CHANNELS FOR

DISPERSING ITS AID TO ASIAN COUNTRIES. THEY PLAN, HOWEVER,
TO CONTINUE TO GRANT A MODEST AMOUNT OF TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE MONIES THROUGH THE ADB BECAUSE THE COMMISSION LACKS
THE STAFF TO ADMINISTER THE SMALL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
STUDIES WHICH THE ADB IS CARRYING OUT, HOWEVER, COMMISSION
OFFICIALS PLAN TO FINANCE MAJOR AID PROJECTS IN
ASIA DIRECTLY RATHER THAN THROUGH THE ADB. HINTON

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